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1. REQUEST REPLY REFTEL. AT PRESIDENT LAUGERUD'S PRESS CONFERENCE AFTERNOON AUGUST 30, REPORTER ASKED ABOUT ICJ REPORT INCLUDING GUATEMALA ON LIST OF EIGHT COUNTRIES WHERE POLITICAL PRISONERS WERE TORTURED. PRESIDENT SAID THIS WAS FIRST HE HAD HEARD OF THIS REPORT, AND HE WOULD ASK FONOFF AND GUATEMALAN JUDICIAL BRANCH TO LOOK INTO IT.

2. PERHAPS BY COINCIDENCE, EL GRAFICO AUGUST 31 CARRIED EDITORIAL CARTOON CAPTIONED "DETECTIVES IN ACTION," SHOWING RAGGED LOOKING MAN BEING BEATEN OVER THE HEAD WITH TRUNCHEON, WITH MASSIVE STACK OF FILES TO ONE SIDE LABELLED UNSOLVED CASES OF MURDERS, ASSAULTS, KIDNAPPINGS AND "DISAPPEARANCES." POLICE ARE OFTEN CRITICIZED FOR INACTION OR INCAPACITY IN EDITORIALS, BUT THIS IS ONE OF RARE INSTANCES WE RECALL OF CARTOON ATTACKING ALLEGED BRUTALITY.

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